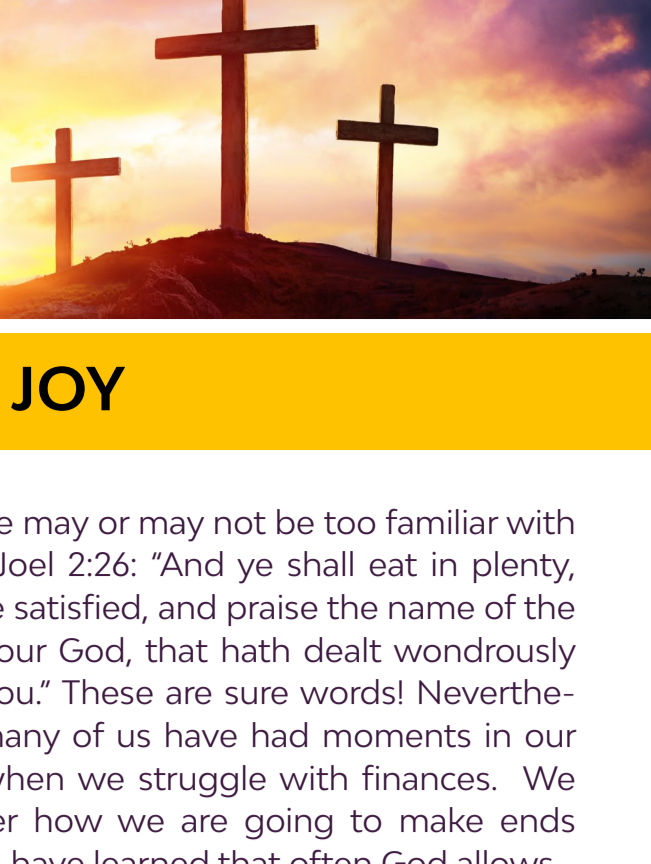




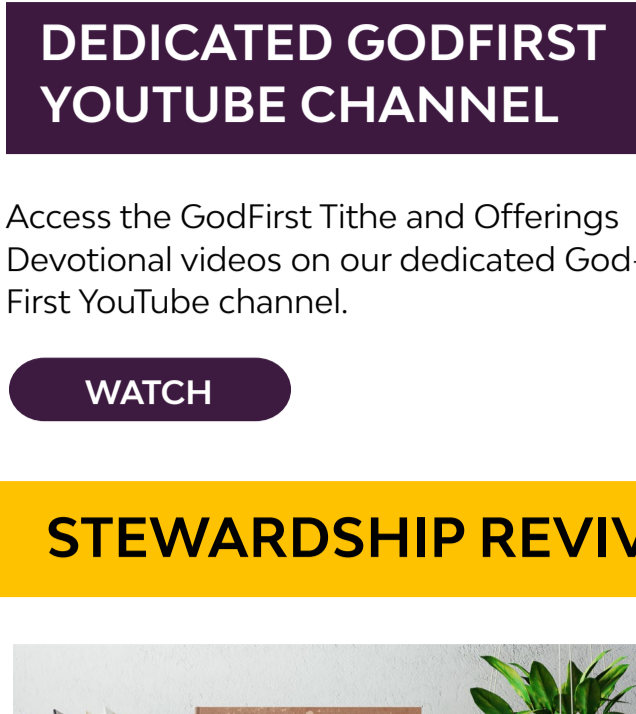
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# Matthew 6:33



## EDITORIAL - JOY



We may or may not be too familiar with Joel 2:26: “And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you.” These are sure words! Nevertheless, many of us have had moments in our lives when we struggle with finances. We wonder how we are going to make ends meet. I have learned that often God allows...

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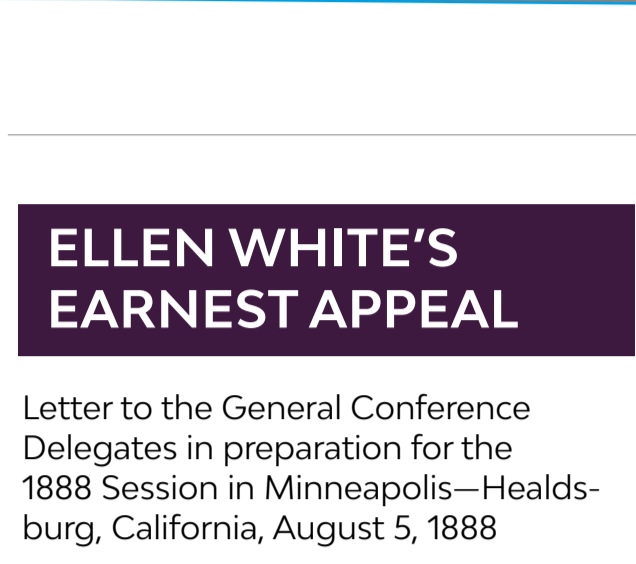
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## STEWARDSHIP REVIVAL WEEK—GODFIRST 2021



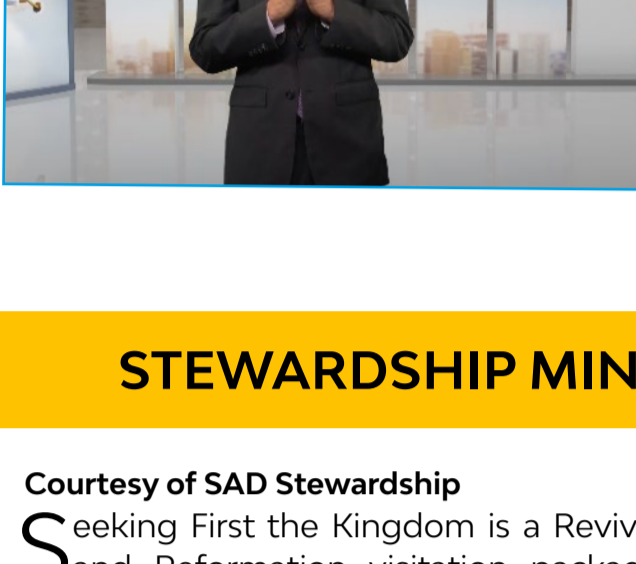
Now in English, French, Spanish, & Portuguese.

### GodFirst 2021—November 27 - December 4

An annual initiative inviting the global membership to renew their commitment to God as stewards. The material comprises of seven inspirational messages, aligned with the “I Promise,” card which covers these topics: Devotional life, Cultivating Relationship, Health Reform, Witnessing and Service, Sabbath keeping, Tithing, and Promise (regular and systematic offerings). Get the PowerPoint (English).

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## DYNAMIC STEWARD MAGAZINE—OCT-DEC 2021



### Growing Wealth: Blessed to be a Blessing

In this issue of the Dynamic Steward, vol. 24, no. 4, Oct.-Dec. 2021, the authors explore ways of building wealth to spread God’s message and bless others. Topics addressed are entrepreneurship, investing, and more. We learn that wealth is a means, a good thing in the hands of people who have dedicated their lives to doing God’s will. Read on [issuu.com](http://issuu.com) or click below.

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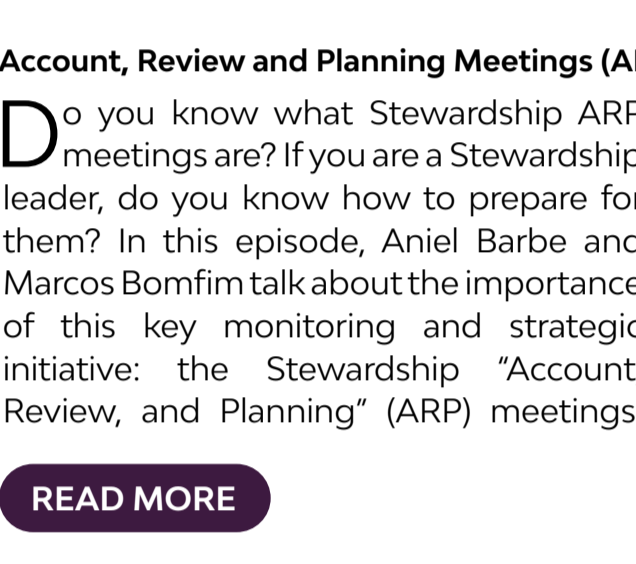
### ELLEN WHITE’S EARNEST APPEAL

Letter to the General Conference Delegates in preparation for the 1888 Session in Minneapolis—Healdsburg, California, August 5, 1888



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## TEACHING CHILDREN SPIRITUAL VALUES



### How to Celebrate Christmas and Birthdays?

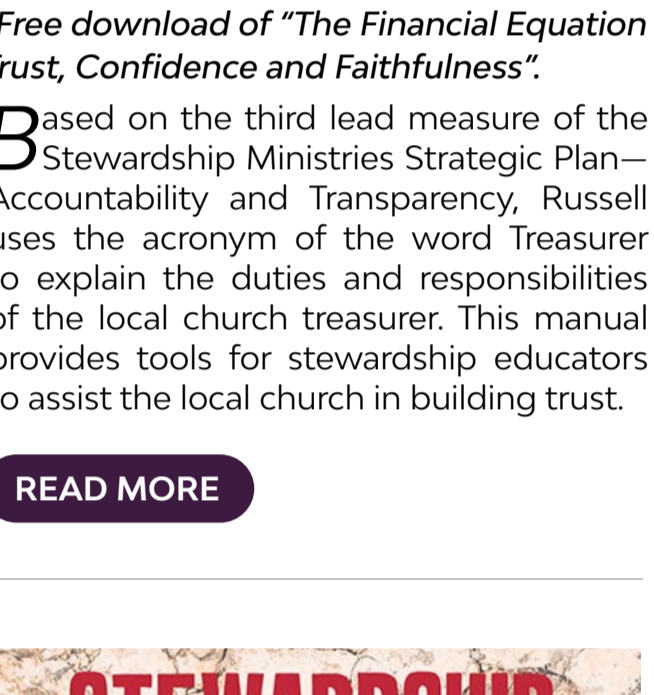
This presentation, the third of a series of three (3/3), is aimed at parents wanting to provide a Christian financial education to their children and to prepare them to put God first in their adult life. It is also part of the Family Finance Seminar, presented by Marcos Bomfim, the General Conference Stewardship Ministries Director.

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## STEWARDSHIP MINISTRIES VISITATION PLAN

### Courtesy of SAD Stewardship

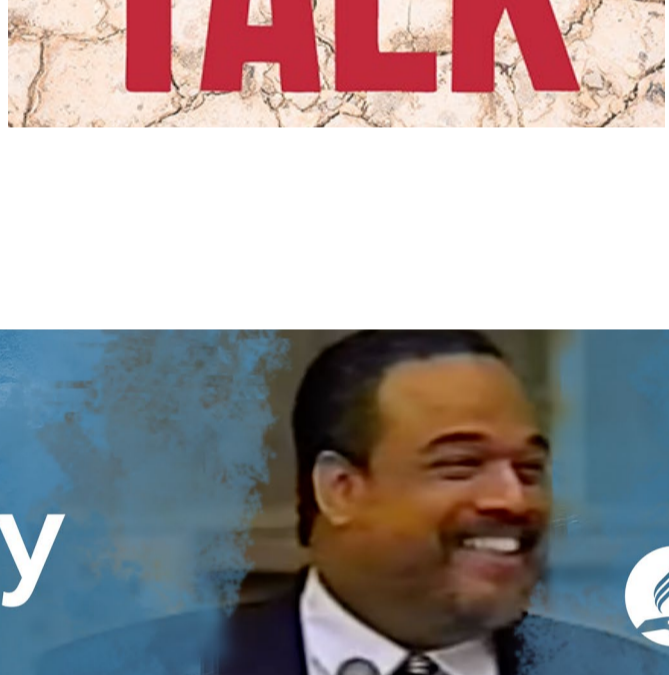
Seeking First the Kingdom is a Revival and Reformation visitation package used during the annual Holy Convocation where all the pastors and stewardship leaders from a given region or field are brought together for the purpose of training, spiritual renewal, and visitation of church members. It includes a spiritual assessment for members, to be filled out after they’ve been visited.



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### STEWARDSHIP MIN. STRATEGIC ORIENTATION

Based on the “I Will Go” Strategic Focus (2020-2025) of the General Conference, this strategic orientation is now available in [French](#), [Portuguese](#), [Spanish](#), and [SAD’s adaptation](#).

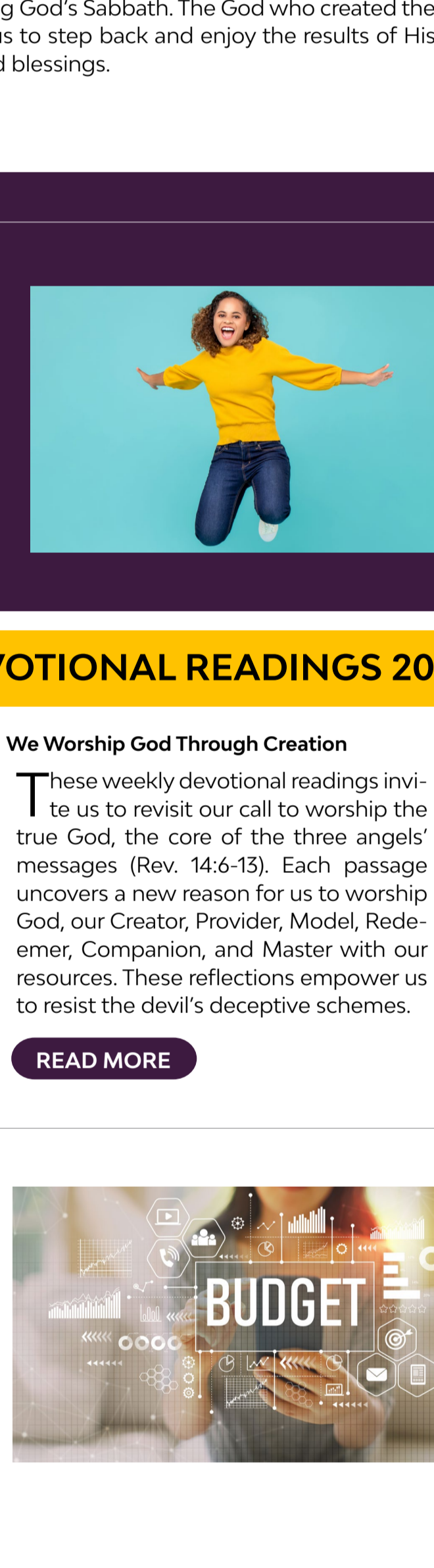


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## PREPARING FOR STEWARDSHIP ARP MEETINGS

### Account, Review and Planning Meetings (ARP)

Do you know what Stewardship ARP meetings are? If you are a Stewardship leader, do you know how to prepare for them? In this episode, Aniel Barbe and Marcos Bomfim talk about the importance of this key monitoring and strategic initiative: the Stewardship “Account, Review, and Planning” (ARP) meetings.



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## STEWARDSHIP MANUAL—INTERNAL CONTROL



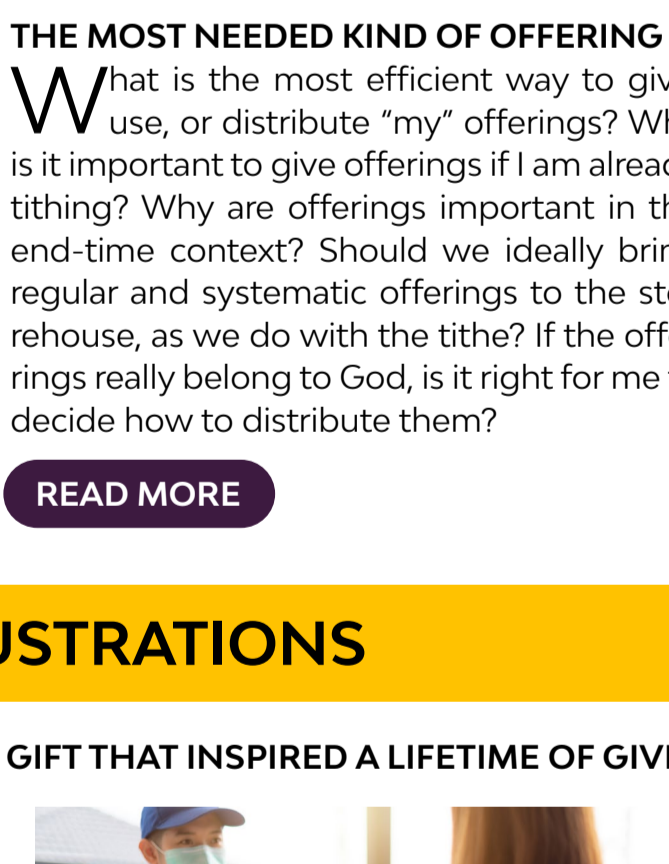
*“Free download of ‘The Financial Equation of Trust, Confidence and Faithfulness.’*

Based on the third lead measure of the Stewardship Ministries Strategic Plan—Accountability and Transparency, Russell uses the acronym of the word Treasurer to explain the duties and responsibilities of the local church treasurer. This manual provides tools for stewardship educators to assist the local church in building trust.

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### TURN WILLING INTO ACTUAL GIVERS

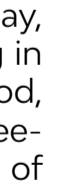
How can Stewardship educators assist willing givers to become actual givers. After preaching a sermon about giving, generosity, and faithfulness with favorable responses, amens and alleluias, you see a disconnect between the decision to give and the act to give. What can you do?



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# Find Your Joy

by Pastor Walter L. Pearson, Jr.

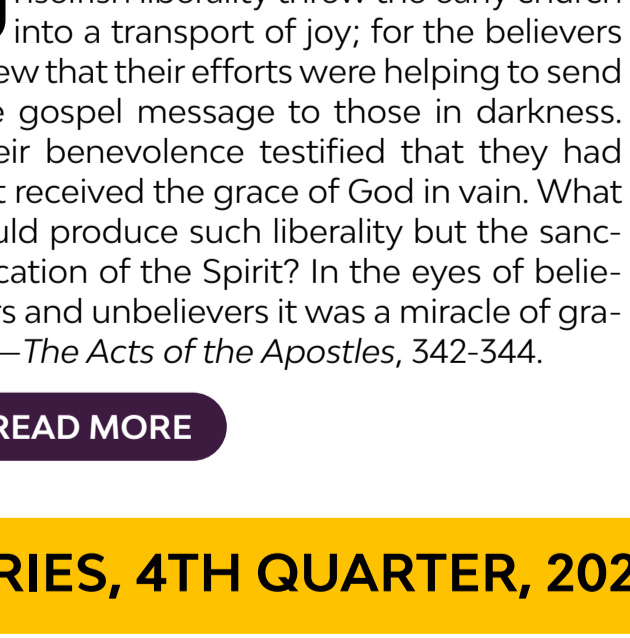


3ABN.org presented *Find Your Joy* by Pastor Walter L. Pearson, Jr. What is joy? Is it an outward attitude that we project by our words and facial expressions? Can we have joy even when there is no apparent reason to rejoice? The Bible promises us that God will bless us with spiritual and material wealth if we live in the light of His Word. Pastor Pearson encourages us to worship God for Who He is and claim the blessings He has in store for us. A good start, Pastor Pearson suggests, is honoring God’s Sabbath. The God who created the world and rested on the Seventh Day wants us to step back and enjoy the results of His creative power. In that way we can find joy and blessings.

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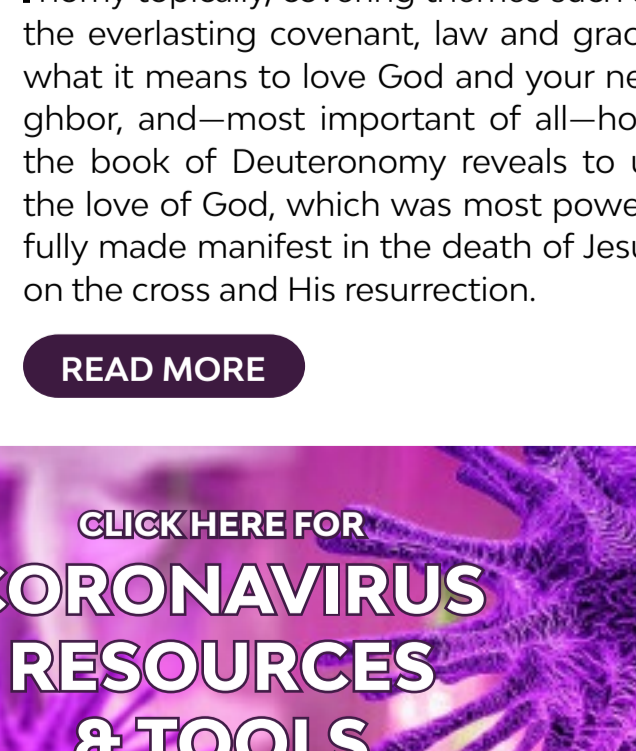
### HAPPY STEWARDS

Studies have well established that the consumption of antidepressants is much higher in so-called developed countries compared to regions that are less developed. It appears that wealth does not have a direct effect on happiness. Another troubling reality is that a majority of people in these countries define themselves as Christians. So, how can we be happy...



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## TITHE AND OFFERINGS DEVOTIONAL READINGS 2022



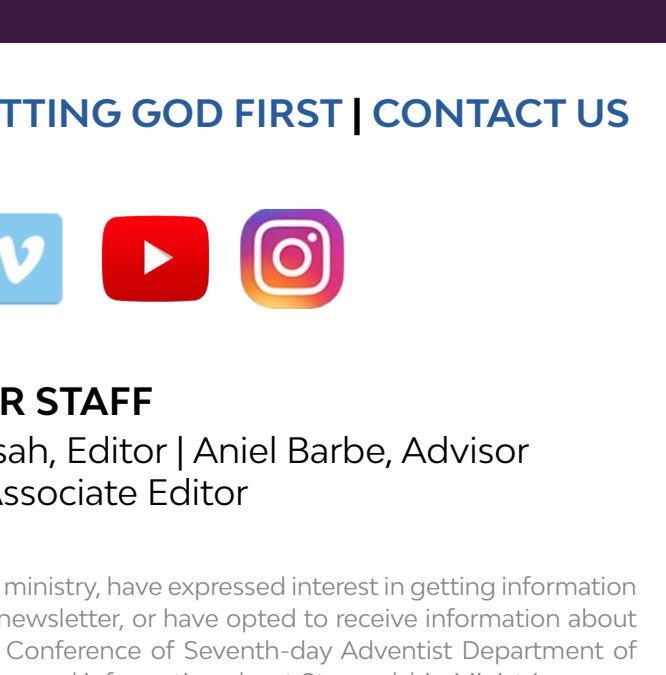
### We Worship God Through Creation

These weekly devotional readings invite us to revisit our call to worship the true God, the core of the three angels’ messages (Rev. 14:6-13). Each passage uncovers a new reason for to worship God, our Creator, Provider, Model, Redeemer, Companion, and Master with our resources. These reflections empower us to resist the devil’s deceptive schemes.

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### HOW TO CREATE A MISSIONAL BUDGET FOR YOUR LOCAL CHURCH

Interested in promoting the importance of each church having a budget? Get some interesting ideas from Michael Harpe, NAD Stewardship director.



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## WE SERVE BECAUSE YOU GIVE



### CHURCH IN YURT

The hills around Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, are covered in brightly colored houses and traditional yurts, or gers. Let’s see how a Global Mission pioneer couple used their traditional home to minister to their community.

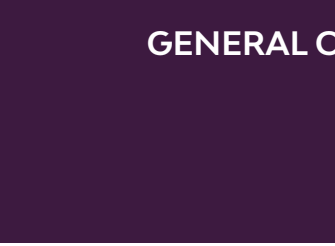
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## TITHE & OFFERINGS DEVOTIONAL VIDEOS-DEC. 2021

### December 2021 Devotional Videos

Offertory devotional videos (2-min.) for the third quarter of 2021 are available for use in your local church. They are available in [Chinese](#), [Hungarian](#), [Japanese \(undated 2020 videos\)](#), [Romanian](#), [Russian](#), and [Spanish](#). Present them each Sabbath before the offering collection. Find them also on our [website](#).

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Dec. 4—When Junior and Stephane Put God First



Dec. 11—When Fernando Put God First



Dec. 18—When You Put God First



Dec. 25—When God Put You First

## DYNAMIC STEWARD IN POWERPOINT



### THE MOST NEEDED KIND OF OFFERING

What is the most efficient way to give, use, or distribute “my” offerings? Why is it important to give offerings if I am already tithing? Why are offerings important in the end-time context? Should we ideally bring regular and systematic offerings to the storehouse, as we do with the tithe? If the offerings really belong to God, is it right for me to decide how to distribute them?

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## SERMON ILLUSTRATIONS

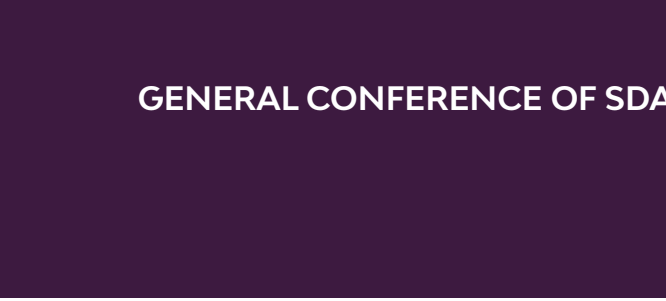
### SINGING IN THE RAIN



For many, joy is not understood. Therefore, it is a short-lived occurrence that is soon overtaken by the next problem. But unlike happiness, joy is not what we feel, but who we are. We can remain joyful despite the circumstance. A saintly woman suffering for weary months in painful illness said to her...

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### GIFT THAT INSPIRED A LIFETIME OF GIVING



Tracy Autler’s life changed in a very unexpected way on Thanksgiving Day, 1993. Tracy was a single mother, living in an apartment in a rough neighborhood, she was doing her best to raise a three-year old while preparing for the birth of her second child, at that point, 8 months pregnant.

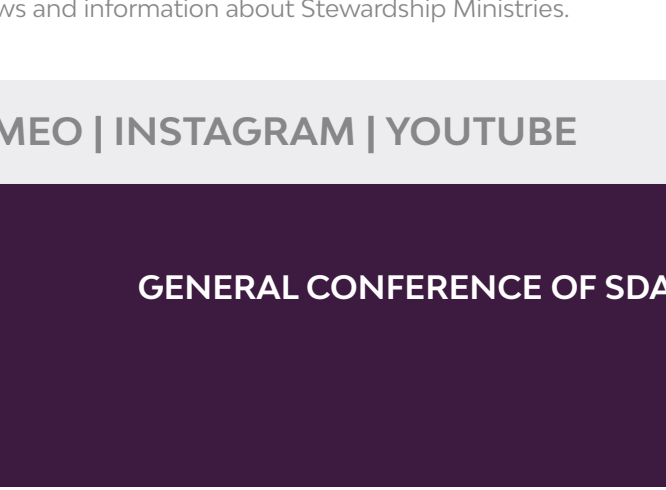
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## SUGGESTED RESOURCES



The Stewpot, Vol. 26, Issue 11: Sleepless in High School. Instead of thinking about the small hassle of changing around your schedule, focus on the relationship you will be able to build with God.

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Counsels on Stewardship Kindle Edition. Topics discussed include tithing, indebtedness, charity, making a will and soliciting funds from outside sources. What is the divine antidote for covetousness?

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## E. G. WHITE’S QUOTATIONS



Unselfish liberality threw the early church into a transport of joy; for the believers knew that their efforts were helping to send the gospel message to those in darkness. Their benevolence testified that they had not received the grace of God in vain. What could produce such liberality but the sanctification of the Spirit? In the eyes of believers and unbelievers it was a miracle of grace.—The Acts of the Apostles, 342-344.

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## SABBATH SCHOOL VIDEO SERIES, 4TH QUARTER, 2021

### Present Truth in Deuteronomy—Courtesy of SPD

In this quarter, we will look at Deuteronomy topically, covering themes such as the everlasting covenant, law and grace, what it means to love God and your neighbor, and—most important of all—how the book of Deuteronomy reveals to us the love of God, which was most powerfully made manifest in the death of Jesus on the cross and His resurrection.

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